

MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION NSW
NEWCASTLE BRANCH

MTA PIANO SCHOLARSHIPS

(Sponsored by the Newcastle Branch)

REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS

GENERAL:

1. Open to piano students residing in NSW.
 - a. Joyce Blewitt Award: Grade 6 – 8 (or equiv.). Maximum age limit is 18 years.
 - b. Nan Price Memorial Scholarship: Certificate & Diploma (or equiv.). Maximum age limit is 21 years.Maximum age will be determined from exactly one month prior to the official close of entry date.
2. Winner of previous year is NOT eligible to enter the following year but can enter again the year after that.
3. Entries must be submitted online via official registration website (*i.e TryBooking*), with full details available from our website at www.musicnsw.com.au.
4. The MTA NSW Newcastle Branch reserves the right to amend or refuse any entry, to alter prizes or cancel the event in the case of insufficient entries.
5. The use of recording devices is strictly prohibited and no photography will be allowed during performances. Failure to observe this may result in disqualification.
6. Applicants must submit their registration by the due date. Late entries will not be accepted.
7. The decision of the MTA NSW Newcastle Branch in all questions of dispute arising out of, or not provided for by these regulations and conditions, will be final. No dispute will become the subject of any appeal at law.

PERFORMANCE:

8. These auditions are treated as a public performance and are therefore open to the public free of charge.
9. Entrants must present themselves at the door/desk at least 15 minutes prior to the starting time.
10. A copy of the music to be performed must be provided for the adjudicator. It should be handed in to the music coordinator at the desk on arrival. Original music must be collected by the competitor at the end of the auditions or at a break. All care taken but no responsibility for music left behind. Photocopies of music will be destroyed.
11. Copyright laws will be strictly adhered to and entrant must have an original copy (where available) in order to compete. The MTA NSW Newcastle Branch will not be liable for any copyright infringement.

12. Repertoire presented must be within the requirements set out by MTA NSW Newcastle Branch. Works must be piano solo only. No works which require accompaniment, backing tapes or CD's will be accepted.
 - a. Joyce Blewitt Award: two works of contrasting mood and style. Combined maximum time limit is 12 minutes
 - b. Nan Price Memorial Scholarship: two works of contrasting mood and style. Combined maximum time limit is 8-10 minutes
13. Entrants must not be prompted or coached in any way while performing. This kind of behaviour will result in immediate disqualification.
14. Entrants should present themselves with a suitable standard of dress and stage manner.
15. Any protest regarding a performer/interference etc. shall be lodged in writing with the convenor. The protest will be considered and decided upon within half an hour of the completion of these auditions and the decision will be final.

ADJUDICATION:

16. The decision of the adjudicator(s) will be final.
17. Entrants, or those associated with the entrant, will not communicate with the adjudicator(s) prior to or during the auditions.
18. Entrants who are or have been pupils of the adjudicator at any time during the last 12 months preceding this event, shall not be eligible to compete.
19. The MTA NSW Newcastle Branch reserves the right to appoint a substitute adjudicator if necessary.